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Applicant: YOICHI IIHOSHI ET AL
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Title: DIAGNOSIS APPARATUS FOR INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please enter the following amendments to the specification, claims and abstract prior to the examination of the application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please AMEND Claims 3-6, 10-13 and 15 as follows:

3. (AMENDED) An internal combustion engine diagnosis apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said internal combustion engine comprises a temperature detector for detecting temperature of said HC adsorption catalyst, and degradation of said HC adsorption catalyst is diagnosed based on a detected value of said temperature detector.

4. (AMENDED) An internal combustion engine diagnosis apparatus according to claim 1, wherein a temperature gradient during evaporating of